

Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs
Commission Focus
Bill Gray, Chair – Jerry Godwin, Vice-Chair

Purpose: The Commission will research, assemble, analyze and disseminate information and educational materials relating to activities and programs that will assist in meeting the needs of veterans and their families; institute and conduct educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote the rights and opportunities for veterans; advise the Executive and the Council on the status of programs and services in the State and County related to the needs of veterans and their families; and assist in planning appropriate public acknowledgement of the contributions made by veterans, and assist in planning commemoration activities recognizing the contributions made by veterans.

1. **Veteran Health Focus:** Work on issues that include health related issues affecting veterans, i.e. PTSD, diabetes, cancer, etc.
2. **Veterans Benefits and Outreach Focus:** Work on service programs to veterans and create an educational outreach program to educate the public at-large on veteran benefits and issues.
3. **Veterans Needs Assessment Focus:** Create a report on the needs of veterans returning from Iraq and their families. The needs assessment shall include but not be limited to future needs, services and programs that the State of Maryland and Montgomery County government provide to veterans and their families.
4. **Homeless and Incarcerated Veterans Focus:** Create a report on the numbers of people impacted and a plan to provide long term housing, employment, and supports.
5. **Veterans Recognition Focus:** Assist the County in planning appropriate public acknowledgment of the contributions made by veterans, and assist in planning commemoration activities recognizing the contributions made by veterans.